



## **ELIGIBLE DISTRESSED AREAS**

Section 11 of Public Act 346 of 1966 defines an “eligible distressed area” as one or more of the following:

1. **Community Wide:**

A community that meets all of the following requirements (formula allocation):

- A. The municipality shows a negative population change from 1970 to the date of the most recent federal decennial census.
- B. The municipality shows an overall increase in the state equalized value of real and personal property of less than the statewide average increase since 1972.
- C. The municipality has a poverty rate, as defined by the most recent decennial census, greater than the statewide average.
- D. The municipality has had an unemployment rate higher than the statewide average unemployment rate for three of the preceding five years (Section 11(u)(ii)).

2. **Blighted Areas Within a Community:**

An area located in a city with a population of at least 10,000 which is either designated as a “blighted area” by a local legislative body or which is determined by the Authority to be blighted or largely vacant by reason of clearance or blight. If the Authority designates the area as blighted, it must determine that private enterprise has failed to provide a supply of adequate, safe, and sanitary dwellings sufficient to meet market demand. In addition, the city must approve the changes in income limits that are associated with this designation by either a resolution or written communication from the higher legislative body of the city or the mayor (Section 11(u)(i)(B)).

3. **Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Qualified Communities:**

An area located in a local unit of government certified by the Michigan Enterprise Zone Authority as meeting the criteria prescribed in Section 2(d) of the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act of 1992. These criteria now include all county seats.

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**CITIES**

Adrian	Grand Rapids	Munising
Albion	Grayling	Muskegon
Allegan	Hamtramck	Muskegon Heights
Alma	Harbor Beach	Norton Shores
Alpena	Harper Woods	Norway
Ann Arbor	Harrison	Oak Park
Atlanta	Harrisville	Omer
Bad Axe	Hart	Onaway
Bangor	Hartford	Owosso
Battle Creek	Hastings	Petoskey
Bay City	Hazel Park	Pinconning
Benton Harbor	Highland Park	Pontiac
Bessemer	Hillsdale	Port Huron
Big Rapids	Holland	Portage
Bronson	Houghton	Reed City
Burton	Howell	River Rouge
Cadillac	Inkster	Rogers City
Carson City	Ionia	Saginaw
Caspian	Iron Mountain	Sandusky
Center Line	Iron River	Sault Ste. Marie
Charlevoix	Ironwood	St. Ignace
Charlotte	Ishpeming	St. Johns
Cheboygan	Ithaca	St. Joseph
Coldwater	Jackson	St. Louis
Coleman	Kalamazoo	Southfield
Corunna	Lake City	Standish
Crystal Falls	Lansing	Stanton
Dearborn	Lapeer	Sturgis
Dearborn Heights	Lincoln Park	Tawas City
Detroit	Livonia	Taylor
Dowagiac	Ludington	Three Rivers
East Lansing	Manistee	Traverse City
Eastpointe	Manistique	Trenton
Ecorse	Marquette	Vassar
Escanaba	Marshall	Wakefield
Ferndale	Mason	Warren
Flint	Melvindale	Wayne
Gaastra	Menominee	West Branch
Gaylord	Midland	White Cloud
Gibraltar	Monroe	Wyandotte
Gladstone	Mt. Clemens	Wyoming
Gladwin	Mt. Morris	Ypsilanti
Grand Haven	Mt. Pleasant	

### **VILLAGES**

Baldwin  
Bellaire  
Beulah  
Caro  
Cassopolis

Centreville  
Eagle River  
Kalkaska  
L'Anse  
Leland

Mio  
Newberry  
Ontonagon  
Paw Paw  
Roscommon

### **TOWNSHIPS**

Benton (Berrien)  
Buena Vista (Saginaw)  
Calumet (Houghton)  
Carp Lake (Ontonagon)  
Carrollton (Saginaw)  
Champion (Marquette)  
Columbia (Tuscola)  
Duncan (Houghton)  
Elba (Gratiot)

Elmwood (Tuscola)  
Emerson (Gratiot)  
Genesee (Genesee)  
Marlette (Sanilac)  
Minden (Sanilac)  
Montrose (Genesee)  
Mt. Morris (Genesee)  
Oscoda (Iosco)  
Pulawski (Presque Isle)

Redford (Wayne)  
Royal Oak (Oakland)  
Sebewaing (Huron)  
Sheridan (Calhoun)  
Spaulding (Saginaw)  
Turner (Arenac)  
Wisner (Tuscola)

TOTAL=168 EDAs: 128 Cities, 25 Townships, and 15 Villages.